

Nomination for Member At Large

FULL NAME/NICK NAME:	Brenda Kay Apple
POSITION:	Manager, Nashville Environmental Assistance Center
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Environment and Conservation, Bureau of Environment
JOB RESPONSIBILITIES	Manage Eight Environmental Program Field Offices and Administrative Services
YEARS OF SERVICE	25 years in March of 2005
EDUCATION	Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry, MTSU; Master of Engineering Science, UT-Knoxville
FAMILY (optional)	
PETS (Optional)	Latest addition is "Mick" the rooster, named after Mick Jagger because of his impressive long mane.
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	Operate a tame blackberry business in Joelton.
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	Coordinate a weekly bicycle ride in the Joelton/Goodlettsville area.

Briefly describe, in a page or less, why you feel you are qualified to hold the position of Member At Large. In your description, you may answer any of the questions below:

1. What is your future vision for TGMI? How, as a Member At Large, would you attempt to ensure that this vision becomes a reality?
2. How would you evaluate current TGMI services provided to the membership? What are its strong points, limitation and activities you feel are lacking? What would you do to enhance the services provided by TGMI?
3. Why do you want to be selected for the TGMI Steering Committee? What would you like to accomplish during your tenure as Member At Large?

(See Attached)

To my fellow TGMlars:

The experiences I have had through TGMI this last year and a half have truly been some of the most motivational of my career. The quality of the training, the caliber of the people I have met and the feeling of camaraderie is refreshing. While attending the numerous activities offered by TGMI has been enjoyable, actual participation on some of the committees has been the most fun and rewarding. My willingness and desire to get involved has surprised even me; however, I'm learning that being involved is a great way to develop and improve many skills and is an easy way to give back.

I would like for TGMI participants to have more ways of sharing experiences and reinforcing some of the lessons learned. Perhaps we could take turns leading small, informal gatherings for an hour once or twice a month to discuss different management topics or review an article. Maybe there is interest in a network-based bulletin board where we can share experiences or ask questions of others in different areas of management. As your Member At Large, I am willing to explore these ideas and any others expressed by TGMI participants.

I am also willing to help coordinate and/or participate in some type of regular, maybe quarterly, volunteer work. That way, plans can be made ahead of time and if one is not convenient for participants, maybe another will be. Volunteer work is a great way to be visible in the community and it puts a face on state employees for the public at large.

Finally, I see my participation on the TGMI Steering Committee as a learning experience and a way to push myself beyond normal boundaries. By meeting others, and sharing as many activities as possible, we will all benefit and learn from each other. I appreciate being nominated for this position and promise to do the best job I can if elected!